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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

- Claims 6-12 and 25-31 are pending in the Application.
- Claims 6-12 and 25-31 stand rejected by the Examiner.
- Claims 6 and 25 are currently amended.

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting a telephone interview on July 24, 2006. During that interview, Applicant discussed the substitution of the word "providing" for the word "allowing" in Claim 25 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection. The Examiner agreed to the use of the word "providing". Applicant also agreed to amend Claim 6 to remove the term "its" and replace it with the definite article "the".

Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1 and 25 of the instant application are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1, 16, and 32 of copending continuation application Serial No. 10/960,741. Applicant has attached a Terminal Disclaimer in the instant case. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the provisional double patenting rejection.

Claim Rejections Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph as being indefinite. Specifically, the term "allowing" is considered to not require functionality to occur in the computer.

Applicant has amended Claim 25 to eliminate the term "allowing" to avoid indefiniteness via the use of the term "providing". As a result of these amendment, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph rejection.

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Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is in a condition for allowance upon entry of the amendments herein. Applicants earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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